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COUNTRY LIFE CONFERENCE OPENS AT THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AUGUST 4th

College Park, Md., July 26.

The Second Annual Country Life Conference for Maryland ministers will open on Wednesday, August 4th. As a result of last year's conference, much interest has been aroused and a large representative attendance from every section of the State is expected. A glance at the program will show that the speakers and leaders are men and women of varied occupations and view-points. Each of them appreciates not only the possibilities but also the limitations and difficulties of the ministers' position in country life. Their experience with these specific problems which go to make up the whole problem of country life makes their opinion of especial value to every progressive Maryland minister. Following is a part of the program for the Conference:

WEDNESDAY, August 4th.

10.00—10.30. The Law and Gospel of Co-operation. Anna B. Taft.
10.30—11.00. The Country Church as a Community Center. Dr. Breeze.
11.30—12,00. The Country Fair for the Countryman. George H. Stevenson.
1.30—3.15. The Rural Sunday School. Dr. S. U. Mitman.
3.15—3.30. The Proper Use of the Newspaper by the Church. Arthur G. Turner.
3.30—4.30—Agriculture. Discussion.
8.00—A Journey to Childhood Town. Folger McKinsey (The Bentztown Bard.)

THURSDAY, August 5th.

9.00—9.30. Rural Surveys. Miss Taft.
10.00—10.30. The Church's Duty to County Institutions. Mrs. H. J. Finley.
10.50—11.20. The Maryland Rural School. Prof. J. E. Metzger.
11.50—12.30. Rural Credits. Prof. F. B. Bomberger.
1.30—2.10. Doing the Business of the Kingdom in a Business-Like Way. Dr. M. Breeze.
2.50—3.30. Opening of Question Box. Dr. Platt, presiding.
3.30—4.30. Agriculture. Discussion.
8.00. Popular Lecture or Entertainment.

FRIDAY, August 6th.

9.00—9.30—The Church and Public Welfare. Miss Taft.
10.00—10.30. The Minister's Wife. Mrs. W. E. Callender.
11.00—12.00. General Discussion on "Bringing Mission Churches Up to Self-Support." Rev. M. Breeze.
1.30—3.00. Sources of Help and How to Use them. Discussion.
3.00—3.30. Some Messenger of Hope. Dr. W. Platt.

ASSISTANT IN HOME ECONOMICS EXTENSION WORK IS APPOINTED

College Park, Md., July 22.

The co-orperative Extension Service of the Maryland Agricultural College and Department of Agriculture has been further strengthened by the addition of an assistant in Home Economics. The new assistant is Miss Florence J. Hunt, a graduate of the University of Illinois. Miss Hunt is exceptionally well qualified for the position of assistant in this work, having had a four years' course in home economics and coming direct from the summer school of the University of Wisconsin, which institution is distinguished for its extension or field organization in taking assistance directly to the farm and farm home. Miss Hunt is possessed of a most pleasing personality, and has had considerable practical experience. She was brought up on an Illinois farm, and later had charge of a large boarding house for guests in northern Michigan. She has also the additional advantage of experience as a teacher in a rural school and is thoroughly familiar with conditions and the needs of the home and the school. In addition to her work in home economics she took considerable work in agriculture which has still further equipped her to handle the problems of the farm family.

In speaking of the work which she will take up in the State, Miss Katherine A. Pritchett, director of home economics extension, says, "Her work as assistant will comprise all forms of home economics work that can interest the farm women of Maryland. She will also lend encouragement to farm industries in which women are particularly interested, such as poultry keeping, dairying, gardening, and any other branch of agriculture which may appeal. Her first work, however, is to make the farm home more attractive and to make the work of the farm woman count for more in those things which make her essentually valuable in country life, especially in the development of her children, both mentally and physically. Miss Hunt will further cooperate with county home economic workers and local organizations in organizing clubs, developing community centers, and encouraging the

betterment of school conditions. In this work she will have the hearty co-operation of other members of the extension force who may be specialists along lines especially helpful to the farm woman and her family.

During the past week Miss Pritchett, accompanied by Miss Hunt, has filled several important engagements in connection with her work in Harford county, where the home economics work is just being inaugurated.

CATTLE CLUB IS ORGANIZED IN TALBOT COUNTY

College Park, Md., July 23.

Mr. G. E. Wolcott, of the Extension Service, recently returned from a trip to Talbot county, where he attended a meeting of dairymen interested in Jersey cattle. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and formulate plans for the organization of a Jersey Cattle Club. The object of this club is to work in co-operation with the American Jersey Cattle Club in the buying and selling of Jersey cattle. A proposition was made by the American Jersey Cattle Club whereby it would furnish financial aid in the advertising of the breed. A committee composed of S. S. Whiteley, J. Ramsey Speer and Dr. A. Aikenhead was appointed to work out a plan of an organization through which local Jersey breeders would be enabled to buy and sell pure bred stock.

FINDS BOYS' CORN CLUB ACRES IN GOOD CONDITION

College Park, Md., July 23.

Agricultural Agent E. P. Walls, of Talbot county, recently spent two days in visiting his Corn Club boys. He was accompanied by Mr. Brigham, Assistant State Agent in charge of Boys' Club Work. During the two days, the acres of twenty-nine boys in various sections of the county were visited and over 161 miles covered in an automobile. In spite of there being considerable damage done in certain sections by the severe hail storm of June 22d, the boys' corn was, for the most part, in excellent condition.

Mr. Walls secured the enrollment for his corn club largely through the co-operation of the County School uSperintendent, Prof. Nicholas Orem. As a result, he has members of the club in nearly every school distrct of the county, and the competition is very strong for the prizes offered. The first and second prizes are a trip to Baltimore and Washington during "Maryland Week," on which trip Mr. Walls will accompany the prize winners.

IMPROVED METHODS OF DAIRYING ARE BEING INTRODUCED IN ALLEGHANY COUNTY

College Park, Md., July 24.

As a result of a recent visit to Alleghany county by Mr. G. E. Wolcott of the Extension Service, the first silo of concrete construction to be erected in that section, will be built on the farm of Mr. Annan. This silo will be built under the direction of Mr. Wolcott and County Agent John McGill, Jr., of Cumberland.

These gentlemen also made arrangements for locating a pure-bred bull and some heifers on the farm of Mr. William Neff. These animals will be the foundation of the first pure-bred Holstein herd in Alleghany county.

AGENT ORGANIZES HOME ECONOMICS CLUBS IN HARFORD COUNTY

College Park, Md., July 24.

Miss K. A. Pritchett, director of Home Economics Extension Work, recently returned from a very satisfactory trip to Harford county, where she attended a meeting of the Forest Hill Home Economics Club. This is one of a number of womens' clubs which are co-operating with Miss Eleanor Heuer, of Bel Air, who was recently appointed County Agent in Charge of Women's Work. Miss Heuer has already been quite successful in organization work, having started four Home Economics Clubs at Benson, Fallston, Highland, and Jarrettsville. Each club is planning a different line of study in home economics. One will study the growing of flowers and the making of home surroundings attractive. Another will devote itself to the improvement of conditions surrounding the local school. A third will take up the study of home sewing during the winter. The fourth will make a study of vegetable gardening, particularly as regards the supply of vegetables for home use. It will thus be seen that the object of these clubs is to cover every phase of work that has to do with rendering the home more attractive, and making the country girl more afficient as a home maker.

FARMERS IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY ORGANIZE INTO CLUBS

College Park, Md., July 24.

Farmers in St. Mary's county have found it most desirable to form themselves into local clubs or organizations. In this work they have received the hearty co-operation of County Agent Wathen, who has been active in helping them to purchase lime, fertilizers, seeds and other accessories to successful farming at more favorable prices. He has impressed upon them the especial need of rotation of crops, with frequent use of lime.

In regard to the corn crop in his county, Agent Wathen says:

"The results or effects of barnyard manure and the growing of legume crops as shown on the corn under cultivation this season, is conclusive evidence that these are our only agencies for the more economical production of corn. To induce our farmers to provide and make use of these means is the greatest problem I have to confront. To provide these essentials requires a revolution and the laying aside of the time-worn system of our forefathers. I am urging more land in legumes, more in pasture, more live stock, more manure with less land in corn, but increased yields per acre and increasd profits to the farmer and a gradual building up of the soil."